**REMARKS** 

The Examiner rejected claims 1-44 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable

over Kuno in view of Edinburgh. The Examiner states that the video camera of the Kuno

robot is an input device. The Examiner then states that Edinburgh discloses the concept of

one robot teaching another through the use of an input device. The Applicant respectfully

traverses the Examiner's rejection.

First, the claims recite an input device controlled by the user to control movement of

another mobile robot. The Applicant is not merely claiming an input device, but an input

device that has two distinct characteristics. One, it must be something that is controlled by

the user, and two, the input device must control movement of another robot. By way of

example, the input device may be a joy stick as recited in dependent claims 4, 13, 21, 26, 35

and 43. The camera of Kuno does not control movement of another robot. Additionally, the

Kuno robot camera is not an input device such as a joystick that is controlled by a user.

Kuno does not disclose an input device that is controlled by a user to control movement of

another robot.

Edinburgh does not fill in the deficiency of Kuno. Edinburgh does not disclose an

input device that is controlled by a user to control movement of another robot. The

Applicant hereby requests that the Examiner specifically cite, by lines or otherwise, a

disclosure in Edinburgh which discloses an input device that is controlled by a user and

controls another robot. The fact that Edinburgh suggests that one robot can teach another

robot does not inherently mean that the robot contains an input device that is controlled by

user. By way of example, the first robot may teach the second robot without any human

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intervention of robot movement control. For all of the above reasons, the Applicant submits that the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of claims 1-44 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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